AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1.   (withdrawn) A method for collecting and storing information used to enable a user to use a biometric system, comprising:

    receiving, at a pre-enrollment station, a portion of a total enabling data from a user, wherein said total enabling data represents the minimum amount of data needed to enable the user to use a biometric system;

    sending the portion of the total enabling data to a system database; and

    storing, at said system database, in an inactive user record the portion of the total enabling data.

2.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

    reviewing a stored user record corresponding to the user; and

    marking the user record active if the user record includes the total enabling data.

3.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the portion of the total enabling data augments one or more portions of the total enabling data previously stored in said system database.

4.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 3, wherein an amount of augmenting data a user is allowed to present is limited.

5.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

    receiving data from the user record; and

    identifying the user by comparing the stored data with the portion of the total enabling data.

6.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising offering the user one or more incentives for entering at least one portion of the total enabling data not entered previously.

7.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein said offering comprises offering more than one incentive.

8.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein said one or more incentives includes one or more of an item, a service, a gift certificate, a coupon, a discount, and money.

9.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 6, further comprising rendering said one or more incentives by one or more of a direct rendering of said incentive, a paper-based promise of said incentive and an electronic-based promise of said incentive.

10.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 6, further comprising automatically dispensing said one or more incentives.

11.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 6, further comprising sending said one or more incentives via a parcel delivery network.

12.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
        displaying, at the pre-enrollment station, one or more portions of the total enabling data
    stored at said system database;
        prompting the user to confirm the displayed data;
        receiving confirmation of the displayed data; and
        storing the confirmation at said system database.

13.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 12, further comprising enabling the user to present corrected data.

14.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising verifying the portion of the total enabling data with one or more of a third party or a third party database.

15.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the pre-enrollment station comprises a record output device for outputting one or more system access records, said records being configured as one or more of a printed report, a media output to an electronic device and an email.

16.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 15, wherein a system access record comprises one or more of data entered during a system access, data requested for totally enabling a user to use the biometric system, data necessary for enabling the user, a date, and a time.

17.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving verification of one or more portions of the total enabling data from a system.

18.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 17, further comprising offering, via the biometric system, said verifier at least one incentive for verifying user information.

19.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 17, further comprising comparing system operator data with data stored in said system database.

20.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 17, wherein the verification comprises a biometric sample.

21.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 17, further comprising storing the system operator data with the stored portion of the total enabling data.

22.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 17, wherein the system operator is remote from the pre-enrollment station.

23.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the portion of the total enabling data includes one or more biometric records.

24.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein said system database is located at the pre-enrollment station.

25.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the user selects said system database wherein the user data is stored from one or more system databases.

26.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending an identification number to authenticate a sending device.

27.   (withdrawn) A method for collecting and storing information used to enable a user to use a biometric system, comprising:

   retrieving a portion of the enabling user data from a third party database; and

   storing said data as an inactive system user record at said system database.

28.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 27, further comprising:

   determining whether said inactive system user record includes the necessary portions of information needed to enable the user to use the biometric system; and

   if said user record includes the needed enabling information, marking the user record as active.

29.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 27, further comprising:

   determining whether one or more parts of said portion of the enabling user data was previously stored as a user record in said system database;

   storing, with said user record, the retrieved portion of the enabling user data;

   reviewing said user record; and

   marking said user record active if said user record includes the total enabling data.

30.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein the system user presents information pertaining to one or more of an identification of the third party database and retrieval of one or more records.

31.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein the third party database is located at said system database.

32.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein the portion of the total enabling data includes one or more biometric records.

33.   (currently amended) A method for enabling a user to use a biometric system, comprising:

receiving, <u>at a first system access at a first computing device</u> at a first enrollment station, first enrollment data for a user;

storing, in a system user record in a system database, the first enrollment data;

receiving, <u>at a time asynchronous with the first system access at a second system access</u> at a <u>second</u> computing device at a second enrollment station, <u>a portion of the first enrollment data and</u> ~~identifying information for a user;~~

~~receiving, at the computing device,~~ second enrollment data for the user, wherein the <u>portion of the first enrollment data is used to locate the system user record and wherein the second enrollment data differs from the first enrollment data</u>~~, wherein complete enrollment data is the combination of the first and second enrollment data required to enable usage of the biometric system for biometric authentication;~~

~~sending, from the computing device, the second enrollment data to said system database;~~

storing, in <u>the system user record in</u> ~~said~~<u>the</u> system database, the second enrollment data ~~in the system user record~~; and

identifying<u>, at the system database,</u> the system user record as active based on <u>whether the first enrollment data and the second enrollment data together comprise</u> ~~the~~ complete enrollment data<u>, wherein the complete enrollment data is received during a plurality of asynchronous system accesses and enables the system user record for use in biometrically authenticating the user.</u>

34.   (cancelled)

35. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, further comprising prompting a user to select at least one incentive from a plurality of incentives.

36. (previously presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the plurality of incentives includes one or more of an item, a service, a gift certificate, a coupon, a discount, and money.

37. (previously presented) The method of claim 35, further comprising rendering said at least one incentive by one or more of a direct rendering of said incentive, a paper-based promise of said incentive and an electronic-based promise of said incentive.

38. (previously presented) The method of claim 35, further comprising automatically dispensing said at least one incentive.

39. (previously presented) The method of claim 35, further comprising sending said at least one incentive via a parcel delivery network.

40. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, wherein one or more of the first enrollment station and the second enrollment station includes a record output device for outputting one or more system access records, wherein each of the records is configured as one or more of a printed report, a media output to an electronic device and an email.

41. (previously presented) The method of claim 40, wherein each record includes one or more of data entered during the system access, the date of the system access, and the time of the system access.

42. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, further comprising:

    displaying, at one or more of the first enrollment station and the second enrollment station, one or more portions of system user enrollment data stored at said system database;

    prompting the system user to confirm the displayed data;

    receiving confirmation of the displayed data; and

    storing, at said system database, the confirmation.

43. (previously presented) The method of claim 42, further comprising enabling the user to present corrected data.

44. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, further comprising receiving verification of one or more portions of the complete enrollment data from a system operator.

45. (previously presented) The method of claim 44, further comprising offering said system operator one or more incentives for verifying said portions of the complete enrollment data.

46. (previously presented) The method of claim 44, further comprising comparing system operator data with data stored at said system database.

47. (previously presented) The method of claim 44, wherein the system operator is remote from one or more of the first enrollment station and the second enrollment station.

48. (previously presented) The method of claim 44, wherein the verification includes a biometric sample received from the system user.

49. (previously presented) The method of claim 44, further comprising storing the verification in the system user record.

50. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, wherein one or more of the first enrollment data and the second enrollment data comprises one or more biometric records.

51. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, wherein said system database is located at one or more of the first enrollment station and the second enrollment station.

52. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, further comprising verifying, by one or more third parties or third party databases, the data stored at said system database.

53.   (original) The method of claim 33, further comprising sending an identification number to authenticate a sending device.

54.   (cancelled)

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57.   (cancelled)

58.   (previously presented) The method of claim 44, further comprising storing the system operator data with the stored portion of the complete enrollment data that the operator verified.

59.   (cancelled)

60.   (original) The method of claim 33, wherein said system database includes a plurality of system databases.

61.   (withdrawn) A method for removing hindrances from the process of enrolling system users to use a biometric system, the method including an atemporal means of collecting a total system user data used to activate a system user record, the method comprising:

        at least one pre-enrollment step, wherein a portion of a total enrollment data used to activate the system user record is stored at said system database;

        an enrollment enabling step, wherein an enabling portion of a total enrollment data used to activate the system user record is stored with the at least one stored portion of the total enrollment data; and

        at least one data determination step, wherein the system determines whether a system user record contains the total enrollment data used to activate the system user record.

62.   (withdrawn) A method for encouraging enrollment in a biometric verification system, comprising:

        instructing an enrolling user, during a communication session, to enter one or more items of enrollment information into an enrollment station;

transmitting one or more entered items of enrollment information to a system database;

determining whether the enrollment information received from all previous communication sessions has met all requirements for enrollment; and

alerting the enrolling user that enrollment in the biometric verification system has not been completed if it is determined that all requirements for enrollment have not been met.

63.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 62, wherein said alerting further comprises offering an incentive to the enrolling user to complete enrollment in the biometric verification system.

64.   (withdrawn) A method for encouraging enrollment in a biometric verification system, comprising:

instructing a first time enrolling user to enter into an enrollment station a subset of all required enrollment information, said subset of enrollment information including those pieces of enrollment information that are presumed to be available to said first time enrolling user;

rewarding the enrolling user with an incentive upon entry of one or more items of enrollment information; and

transmitting said entered items of enrollment information to a system database.

65.   (withdrawn) The method of claim 64, further comprising offering a second incentive to the enrolling user for a completed enrollment in the biometric verification system.

66-69. (cancelled)